

All the way from England is **Ned's Atomic Dustbin** whose second album *Are You Normal* (Chaos/Columbia) combines reasonably melodic pop with grunge noise and bits of psychedelic leftover even though the members probably weren't born the first time it happened. With lines like "My childhood inspection/Is my record collection," the lyrics probably aren't going to mean much three months or three years from now, but this band's more about beat and guitar sound than lyrics and the pull off just about all their songs with energy and verve with "Who Goes First?" and "Tantrum" among the standouts.

Not all that different, especially in the hair department are the **Flowerhead** from Austin, Texas. Their debut *Ka-Bloom* (Zoo) is a bit harder-edged, nastier and more psychedelic than Ned's proving that coming from Texas makes all the difference. "Oh Shane" is spacey enough to have been on the *Notorious Byrd Brothers*. "What?!" has a manic madman trying to speed through heavy traffic groove, and "Coffee" is laced with majestic flowing guitar waves. This album's probably even better on drugs.

Ned's Atomic Dustbin with Flowerhead and Supreme Love Gods: Tues., Jan. 19 at 8 p.m. at TLA, 334 South St., \$19.50, 922-1011.